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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al)
- AGAINST -) A F F I D A V I T
ARAKI, SADAO, et al.)

I, HODA, Haruo, make oath and say as follows:

Q State your name, age, and residence.
A HODA, Haruo, 48 years of age, residing at the former Army Hospital, Minato-Aoicho, Wakayama City.

Q Were you connected with the Prisoner of War Information and Control Bureau in Japan?
A Yes, I was Chancellor of that Bureau and attached to the Prisoner of War Control Board from the end of May, 1942 until 23 July 1945.

Q I show you IPS Document No. 2696, entitled "Instructions of the Chief of Staff to the Commander of Taiwan POW Camp" and ask you to state if you are familiar with it.
A This is the first time I have seen it but I am familiar with the policy on which it is based. I remember that similar instructions based on that policy were read by Lt. Gen. UEMURA at the conference of POW Camp Commanders in July or August, 1942.

Q Where did the instructions read by Lt. Gen. UEMURA come from?
A They came from Premier Hideki TOJO.

Q Were those instructions typewritten or printed?
A They were printed and they bore the printed name of Hideki TOJO. A copy of the orders was furnished me.

Q Where is the copy that was furnished you?
A When I was transferred to Niigata Prefecture I left all my papers and documents including that copy to my successor in office.

Q Will you please give us the meat of that order given by Premier TOJO regarding the prisoners of war which was read by Lt. Gen. UEMURA?
A The orders had two main purposes: first, to increase the production with the help of the prisoners of war and, second, to lower the prestige and influence of white peoples over Asiatics by making white prisoners of war do heavy labor and by treating them badly. That is all I can remember.

Q Do you know if the policy contained in the orders by Premier TOJO were carried out?
A Yes.

Q Do you know if the policy and orders were ever amended subsequently?
A No, they were not amended, so far as I know.

/s/ Hoda, Haruo
HODA, Haruo

Sworn and subscribed to before the undersigned officer by the above-named HODA, Haruo, at the War Ministry Building, Tokyo, Japan, this 7th day of November, 1946.

/s/ Eric W. Fleisher
ERIC W. FLEISHER, 2nd Lt. A.U.S. M.I.

WITNESS: /s/ Robert F. Mahon
ROBERT F. MAHON